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SUBJECT:TEXTILES - ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH
SECRETARY

1. ROMANIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE MEET-
ING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR NICOLAE AND SECRETARY TO DISCUSS
TEXTILE PROBLEM. DESPITE INCREASINGLY BLUNT RESPONSES THAT
THIS SUBJECT IS NOT ONE WHICH WOULD WARRANT SECRETARY'S
PERSONAL ATTENTION, AMBASSADOR NICOLAE APPEARS UNUSUALLY
ADAMANT IN PUSHING THIS REQUEST. WE HAVE TRIED TO CONVINCE
ROMANIAN EMBASSY THAT MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR RE-
SOLVING THIS PROBLEM IS AT THE GENEVA TALKS WITH OUR TEX-
TILE NEGOTIATING TEAM. WE HAVE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT
ROMANIAN POSITION HAS ALREADY BEEN CONVEYED ON SEVERAL
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OCCASIONS OVER PAST WEEK TO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
RESPONSIBLE FOR TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS. (NICOLAE SAW DE-
PUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOEKER ON FRIDAY, APRIL 15 AND
IONITA SPOKE WITH BOEKER EVENING APRIL 19.)

2. NICOLAE HAS STRESSED THAT TEXTILE ISSUE COULD BECOME
SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEM AND HE THEREFORE CONSIDERS

MEETING WITH SECRETARY AS APPROPRIATE. WE BELIEVE THAT ROMANIANS ARE ENGAGING IN THEIR CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF PLEADING "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" ON TECHNICAL

COMMERCIAL MATTER.

3. FYI. NICOLAE HAS ALSO REQUESTED MEETING WITH DR. KREPS ON SAME SUBJECT AND COMMERCE HAS ARRANGED FRIDAY APPOINTMENT. ROMANIAN REQUEST TO DR. KREPS WAS BASED NOT ONLY ON BASIS HER CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE BUT ALSO ON BASIS HER ROLE OF CO-CHAIRPERSON OF JOINT COMMISSION, AND NICOLAE CITED IMPORTANCE TEXTILE ISSUE TO OVERALL US-ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

4. AMBASSADOR NICOLAE CALLED ON EUR/EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS LATE APRIL 20 TO COMPLAIN ABOUT US UNWILLINGNESS TO COMPARE FIGURES ON TEXTILE SHIPMENTS FROM ROMANIA TO US DURING PERIOD JANUARY 1-APRIL 30, 1977. HIS PITCH WAS THAT ROMANIA HAD SHIPPED 6,000 SUITS ABOVE CEILING OF 85,000 IN CATEGORY 237 BUT WAS UNDER GLOBAL TOTAL OF 110,000 FOR CATEGORIES 120 AND 237. HE STATED THAT WE HAD, HOWEVER, IMPOUNDED MORE THAN 6,000 SUITS. IF OUR FIGURES WERE DIFFERENT, HE CLAIMED WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO REVIEW EACH OTHER'S FIGURES. ON THIS OCCASION HE DID NOT RPT NOT ASK THAT ALL SUITS NOW IMPOUNDED BE RELEASED AND LAID STRESS ON SANCTITY OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, ETC. ANDREWS STATED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ROMANIAN PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WAS TO GET US APPROVAL TO ALLOW EXCESS NUMBER OF SUITS, WHETHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIX OR FIFTEEN THOUSAND OR WHATEVER THE NUMBER, ENTER THE U.S. HE SAID HE WOULD RELAY TO THOSE CONCERNED THE ROMANIAN DESIRE TO REVIEW THE FIGURES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT. (NICOLAE SAID HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN TO HIS GOVERNMENT WHY USG HAS NOT YET COMPARED FIGURES WITH THE GOR AND ADDED THAT HE HAD BERATED THOSE WHO HAD SHIPPED 6,000 SUITS IN EXCESS OF THE CEILING.)
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